Violation of labour laws

101. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is continued and flagrant violation of four major labour laws as reported in the Times of India of the 12th October, 1986; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Standing Committee on Labour Unions has recently met after 15 years; if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) In the Times of India Newspaper dated the 12th October, 1986, there is mention of two Labour Laws; viz. (i) Inter-State Migrant Workmen's Act, 1979 (ii) Minimum Wages as applicable to Construction workers. The implementation of the Minimum Wages Act for construction workers falls under State sphere. As regards Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, it is enforced by the Central and State Governments in their respective spheres. In the Central sphere, in 1985, 37 inspections were made and 10 prosecutions were launched. 424 irregularities were got rectified.

(b) Yes, Sir. On the recommendation of the Indian Labour Conference, the Standing Labour Committee was reconstituted and its meeting was held on the 22-23 Sept, 1986. The previous meeting of the Standing Labour Committee was held in July, 1970 and no meeting could be held during the intervening period as the Indian Labour Conference was not held.

Foreign exchange involved in New ITDC projects

102. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment made by the ITDC on new projects during the last three years and what is the quantum of foreign exchange involved in these projects; and

(b) what are the total foreign exchange earnings of the ITDC during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The information is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Total Expenditure	Foreign exchange utilize
1127·99	3·65

(b) The year-wise Froeign exchange earning of ITDC is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Foreign exchanges earnings
1983-84	1204.59
1984-85	1066.52
1985-86	1455.74

ITDC Publication 'information Channel'

103. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state what is the total circulation of ITDC publication entitled 'Information Channel' and what is the total expenditure incurred thereon per issue?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): The total circulation of ITDC's news-letter titled 'Information Channel' is about 3200 copies and the expenditure per issue works out to about Rs. 12,000/- including postage.